

Application No.: 10/606,100

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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

**CLAIMS**

1. (previously presented) A method of administering lottery wagering on a phased competition, comprising:
  - determining final participants from the conclusion of a pre-qualifying event of a phased competition;
  - accepting a wager from a wagerer, the wager corresponding to wagering data  $D_W$  including one or more picked numbers;
  - assigning random numbers to the final participants;
  - assembling concluding data  $D_C$  for final participants after conclusion of a final event of a phased competition;
  - determining at least one winner from the final participants of the final event based on the concluding data  $D_C$ ;
  - correlating the concluding data  $D_C$  of a winner to the random number assigned to the winner;
  - determining winning lottery data  $D_L$  based on the correlating step such that there is an equal probability of any of the random numbers being included in  $D_L$ ; and
  - awarding a prize to a wagerer whose wagering data corresponds to the winning lottery data, the random numbers being assigned to the final participants after accepting the wager so that the wagerer does not know which participant corresponds to the one or more picked

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numbers when they are picked so that the winning lottery data is determined by the outcome of the competition but the probability of a player winning is random.

Claims 2-3 have been canceled.

4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of assembling concluding data  $D_C$  for final participants comprises assembling concluding ranking data of final participants of a final event.

5. (original) The method of claim 4 wherein the step of assembling comprises at least one function selected from the group consisting of collecting, collating, correlating, and mathematically manipulating.

Claims 6-7 have been canceled.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of determining at least one winner of the final event comprises determining  $n$  winners of the final event.

Claims 9-12 have been canceled.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of comparing wagering data  $D_W$  to winning lottery data  $D_L$ .

Claim 14 has been canceled.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 13 further comprising the step of entering the wagering data  $D_W$  into a second lottery phase based upon the outcome of the comparing step.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 15 further comprising the step of randomly selecting the wagering data  $D_W$  of the second lottery phase.

Claims 17-18 have been canceled.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of trading wagering date  $D_W$  prior to prior to conclusion of the final event.

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Claims 20-27 have been canceled.

28. (currently amended) A method of operating a lottery wagering system in which the winning lottery numbers are determined by the outcome of a competition involving multiple participants, comprising:

accepting multiple wagers from wagerers, each wager including a group of picked numbers, the picked numbers being a subset of a set of available lottery numbers;

randomly associating with the multiple participants in the competition the numbers in the set of available lottery numbers after accepting all the multiple wagers from the wagerers, so that the wagerers do not know which participants are associated with the picked numbers when they are picked;

after the competition is conducted determining the outcome of the competition;

after the outcome is determined, assigning as winning lottery numbers the random numbers from the set of lottery numbers associated with the winners of the competition;

awarding a prize to a wagerer whose picked numbers correspond to the winning lottery numbers, the winning lottery numbers being determined by the outcome of the competition, and the wagerer not knowing at the time his numbers are picked which numbers will be associated with which participants so that the probability of a player winning the lottery is random.

29. (previously presented) The method of claim 28 in which the competition is a sporting event.

30. (previously presented) The method of claim 28 in which the competition is an entertainment award competition.